

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
ATLANTA DIVISION**

**DONNA CURLING, ET AL.,
Plaintiffs,**

v.

**BRAD RAFFENSPERGER, ET AL.,
Defendants.**

Civil Action No. 1:17-CV-2989-AT

**PLAINTIFFS' JOINT NOTICE OF DEPOSITION OF
GEORGIA'S SECRETARY OF STATE**

TO ALL PARTIES AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiffs will take the deposition by oral examination of Georgia's Secretary of State as permitted by Rule 30(b)(6) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and applicable court orders in the above-captioned matter and as set forth in Schedule A. This deposition will take place on **Tuesday, June 29, 2021**, or on a mutually agreeable date, beginning at **9:00 a.m. EST**, and continue from day to day until completed. The deposition will take place either at the offices of Krevolin & Horst, LLC, located at 1201 West Peachtree Street, NW, Suite 3250, Atlanta, GA 30309, or in a virtual format if necessary. The deposition shall be taken by oral examination with written and/or sound and visual record made thereof before a court reporter or other officer authorized by law to administer oaths.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of June, 2020.

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SCHEDULE A

DEFINITIONS

The following words, terms, or phrases shall, for purposes of the Topics below, have the meanings specified, unless otherwise expressly stated in each request:

“All” and “each” shall be construed as all and each.

“And” as well as “or” are to be construed either disjunctively or conjunctively as necessary to bring within the scope of the Topics all information that might otherwise be construed to be outside their scope.

“Any” means each and every.

“Communication” shall mean any transmission of information by any means, including without limitation: (a) any written letter, memorandum, or other Document of any kind by mail, courier, other delivery services, telecopy, facsimile, telegraph, electronic mail, voicemail, or any other means; (b) any telephone call, whether or not such call was by chance or prearranged, formal or informal; and (c) any conversation or meeting between two or more Persons, whether or not such contact was by chance or prearranged, formal or informal.

“Concerning,” “related to” or “relating to,” and “regarding” shall mean analyzing, alluding to, concerning, considering, commenting on, consulting,

comprising, containing, contradicting, describing, dealing with, discussing, establishing, evidencing, identifying, involving, noting, recording, reporting on, related to, relating to, reflecting, referring to, regarding, stating, showing, studying, mentioning, memorializing, or pertaining to, in whole or in part.

“Document” and “documents” shall be synonymous in meaning and equal in scope to the usage of that term in Rule 34(a), and includes “tangible things” (as that term is used in Rule 34(a)(1)(b)), as well as anything that falls within the definition or meaning of “electronically stored information” (as that term is used in Rule 34(a)(1)(A)) or of “writings” or “recordings” in Federal Rule of Evidence 1001. A draft or non-identical copy of a document shall be considered a separate document within the meaning of the term “document,” as used in the Topics.

“Dominion” means Dominion Voting Systems, Inc., its predecessors, divisions, subsidiaries, affiliates, partnership and joint ventures, and all directors, officers, employees, contractors, representatives, and agents thereof, and any other person acting on its behalf or under its direction or control with respect to subject matter of these Topics.

“Dominion Worker” means employees, contractors, representatives, and agents of Dominion, and any other person acting on its behalf or under its direction or control with respect to subject matter of these Topics.

“Electronic Pollbook” refers to the Election Systems & Software ExpressPoll, PollPad system supplied by KnowInk, or any other similar electronic pollbook system.

“Election System” means every aspect of any system, device, machine, server, computer, equipment, files, removable media (such as memory cards), ballot-marking devices (BMDs) (including ImageCastX Ballot-Marking Devices), BMD-adjacent equipment (including ImageCast Precinct Polling Place Scanner and associated printers or touchscreens), the KnowInk PollPad Plus system and associated components, software (such as any version of the Global Election Management System (GEMS), the BallotStation software or the software associated with the “Dominion Voting Democracy Suite” (D-Suite) and the KnowInk PollPad Plus system used in any election in the state of Georgia, script, hardware, firmware, software patch or update, paper, documentation, or facility (to include any backup of the foregoing) used in or as part of the operation, administration, implementation, execution, completion, preparation, facilitation, recording, processes, or procedures of elections in the State of Georgia, including voter registration information, election results data, DREs, BMDs, optical scanners, modems, network equipment, other peripheral devices, any server that hosts or has hosted the GEMS software, Dominion software, or any other election

management system, or the Election Night Reporting system, voter registration systems or databases (e.g., “eNet”), online voter registration servers, electronic poll books and related components, administrative credentials, the Center for Election Systems (CES) (including when it was located at Kennesaw State University), or information related to employees, agents, representatives, volunteers, or others acting on behalf of You, the State of Georgia, or any county or municipality with respect to elections in the State of Georgia.

“Including” means including without limitation.

“Person” means and includes a natural person (i.e., an individual), a group of natural persons acting as individuals, a group of individuals acting in a collegial or concerted capacity (e.g., as a committee, a board of directors or advisors, etc.), an association, firm, corporation, joint venture, partnership, company, governmental unit or agency, and any other business, enterprise, or entity, unless otherwise limited or specified in the Topics.

“You” or “Your” means and includes Georgia’s Secretary of State, any of its predecessors, the divisions, departments, partnerships, and joint ventures of or subject to the control of the Georgia Secretary of State, all directors, officers, employees, contractors, consultants, representative, and agents thereof, and any other person acting on its behalf or under its direction or control with respect to

subject matter of these Topics, including to the extent applicable the Georgia Technology Authority.

INSTRUCTIONS

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 30(b)(6), the Office of the Secretary of State shall designate one or more of its officers, directors, managing agents, employees, or other persons to testify on its behalf about the matters set forth in the Topics set forth below. The Person(s) so designated shall be required to testify about each of those matters known or reasonably available to the Office of the Secretary of State. At least five days in advance of the date of deposition, the Office of the Secretary of State is directed to provide to counsel for Plaintiffs a written designation of the name(s) and position(s) of the Person(s) designated to testify on each of the following topics.

TOPICS

1. Implementation and operation of Georgia's current Election System, including:
 - a. Any efforts made to isolate, separate, or sequester Georgia's current Election System from the prior GEMS/DRE Election System, and the success or failure of any such efforts, including any connections (direct or indirect), interactions, or other actual or potential exchanges

of software or data between the two Election Systems (such as the use of removable media with both systems);

- b. Any efforts made to “air-gap” any components of Georgia’s current Election System, and the success or failure of any such efforts;
- c. Any connections (direct or indirect), interactions, or other actual or potential exchanges of software or data between Georgia’s current Election System and any other computer system or device via the Internet, telephone lines, cable lines, satellites, or other third-party system, network, equipment, or devices;
- d. Any use of removable media with Georgia’s current Election System, including any Communications with counties and/or Dominion regarding the same;
- e. Any execution or operational issues or challenges with Georgia’s current Election System involving any 2020 or 2021 elections, any solutions or other measures implemented, planned, or contemplated to resolve, remediate, mitigate, or otherwise address any such issues or challenges, and the success or failure of any such efforts;
- f. Practices and policies for creating ballot definition files and Election Project Packages for Georgia 2020 or 2021 elections, including when,

where, how, and by whom such files were created and transmitted for use in any such election;

- g. Procedures and instructions for county review and approval of the Election Project Packages;
- h. Practices and policies for transferring scanned ballot data and tabulation data or information for Georgia 2020 or 2021 elections to You, including when, how, and by whom such data or information was collected or transmitted.

2. Any testing, examination, reexamination, evaluation, study, analysis, investigation, or assessment of the security, integrity, reliability, accuracy, or transparency of Georgia's current Election System or its prior GEMS/DRE Election System, including:

- a. Acceptance testing of any component of the current Election System, the results thereof, and any steps or measures contemplated or taken in response to any such testing;
- b. Logic and Accuracy Testing of the current voting equipment, the results thereof, and any steps or measures contemplated or taken in response to any such testing;

- c. Any reports, findings, or conclusions regarding any potential or actual security concerns, breaches, or vulnerabilities involving any aspect of Georgia's current or prior Election System;
- d. Documentation—including research, reports, assessments, findings, studies, publications, memoranda, and communications—regarding the security, integrity, reliability, accuracy, or transparency of any component of Georgia's current Election System.

3. Complaints regarding the security, integrity, reliability, accuracy, or transparency of Georgia's current Election System or its prior GEMS/DRE Election System, including when and by whom any such complaints were made and any responses thereto.

4. Dominion's role and responsibilities in any 2020 and 2021 Georgia elections, including:

- a. Any oversight Dominion exercises over technicians or other election workers in any such election;
- b. Any access any Dominion Worker had to any components of the Election System used in any such election after the state or any county took possession of the component(s), whether (and if so, how, when,

and by whom) that access was exercised by any Dominion Worker, and the reasons for any such access;

- c. Any changes any Dominion Worker made to any components of the Election System (including servers and any software, firmware, or data on the equipment) used in any such election after the state or any county took possession of the component(s), including how, when, why, and by whom any such changes were made.

5. The roles and responsibilities of any vendor other than Dominion in any 2020 and 2021 Georgia elections, including

- a. Any oversight such a vendor or its employees exercise over technicians or other election workers in any such election;
- b. Any access such a vendor or its employees had to any components of the Election System used in any such election after the state or any county took possession of the component(s), whether (and if so, how, when, and by whom) that access was exercised by any vendor, and the reasons for any such access;
- c. Any changes such a vendor or its employees made to any components of the Election System (including any software, firmware, or data on the equipment) used in any such election after the state or any county

took possession of the component(s), including how, when, why, and by whom any such changes were made.

6. Policies and practices for hiring, training, and overseeing technicians and other election workers (including volunteers) for 2020 and 2021 Georgia elections, including regarding any background checks, confidentiality requirements, or other security measures implemented or contemplated for any such workers.

7. Policies and practices for scanning and tabulating paper ballots.

Specifically:

- a. Functionality and operation (including equipment settings) of Georgia's current Election System (including software and firmware) for scanning paper ballots, whether generated by a ballot-marking device or marked by hand or some other means;
- b. Functionality and operation of Georgia's current Election System (including software and firmware) for adjudicating marks on paper ballots for tabulation;
- c. Any policies and practices contemplated or adopted to try to ensure accurate tabulation of voter selections reflected on paper ballots;

- d. Training and oversight of technicians and other election workers and/or counties on such policies, practices, and equipment.

8. Issues or challenges affecting the security, usability, or reliability of Electronic Pollbooks in Georgia 2020 and 2021 elections, including:

- a. Identification of such issues requiring hardware or software changes or settings changes to Electronic Pollbooks;
- b. Any report-writing capabilities of the system.

9. Any vulnerabilities involving the security, integrity, reliability, or accuracy of Georgia's current Election System, including:

- a. Potential or actual remote access to any component of Georgia's current Election System;
- b. Policies and practices regarding securing components of Georgia's current Election System, including but not limited to removable media used with the system (and any other equipment or devices used with any such media) and equipment stored overnight in early voting polling places;
- c. Wireless connections involving any components of Georgia's current Election System, including Electronic Pollbooks.

10. Voting data from Georgia 2020 or 2021 elections or copies or images of voting equipment, including servers used in conjunction with Georgia's voting system, used in Georgia 2020 or 2021 elections taken or received by third parties, the location(s) of any such information or materials, and any response by You, the State Election Board, or any Georgia county to any such incident.

11. Any changes to any software or firmware used on any component of Georgia's current Election System since September 1, 2020, including when, how, why, and by whom any such changes were made and approved.

12. Communications with the U.S. Election Assistance Commission ("EAC") regarding any software changes involving Georgia's current Election System or otherwise relating to any actual or contemplated request for EAC approval for any aspect of Georgia's current Election System.

13. The voter verifiability and auditability of ballots generated by ballot-marking devices used in Georgia 2020 or 2021 elections, including:

- a. Any policies and practices contemplated, adopted, or implemented to try to ensure voter verification of the contents of paper ballots generated by Georgia's current Election System;
- b. Any testing, examination, evaluation, study, analysis, or assessment of the extent to which voters reliably verify the accuracy of their

respective ballots generated by ballot-marking devices used in Georgia's current Election System;

- c. Any policies and practices contemplated or adopted for pre-election or post-election auditing of election results produced by Georgia's current Election System, including but not limited to risk-limiting audits of that system;
- d. Any audit of any Georgia 2020 or 2021 election, including the steps taken as part of that audit and the results thereof and any review or investigation of discrepancies found in the audit.

14. Any actual or contemplated plans to replace Georgia's current voting software or equipment with different voting software or equipment, such as BMDs that do not generate bar codes for tabulation.

15. Potential implementation and operation of an Election System using hand-marked paper ballots as the primary means of voting in person in Georgia elections, including:

- a. Any examination, evaluation, study, analysis, or assessment of the reliability, feasibility, or costs thereof;

- b. Any proposal or request for any such Election System for use in Georgia, including when and by whom any such proposal or request was made and any response thereto.

16. Admissibility of any Documents You produce in discovery in this matter.

17. Your process for identifying, collecting, searching, reviewing, and producing responsive Documents and other relevant materials in this matter.

18. Your process for preserving information within Your possession, custody, or control potentially relevant for this matter, including any communications with counties or other entities or individuals regarding the same.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on June 17, 2021, a copy of the foregoing PLAINTIFFS' JOINT NOTICE OF DEPOSITION OF GEORGIA'S SECRETARY OF STATE was served by email on counsel of record for all parties by electronic delivery of a PDF version. The foregoing also was served by e-mail and the ECF/CMF system on all counsel of record.

/s/ David D. Cross
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